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Serial No.: 09/421,043
Filed: October 20, 1999
For: PLASMA ETCHING APPARATUS AND PLASMA ETCHING METHOD
Group: 1763
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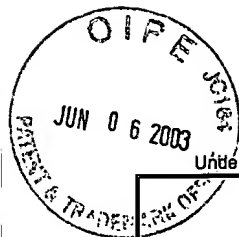
The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, which is an RCE of application Serial No. 09/421,043, and is responsive to the Office Action dated December 6, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 3 as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

F_i This is a divisional application of U.S. application Serial No. 09/227,332, filed January 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,171,438, which is a continuation-in-part of to U.S. application Serial No. 08/611,758, entitled "Plasma Processing Apparatus and Plasma Processing Method", filed March 8, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,874,012, by some of the inventors herein, the subject matter of the aforementioned application



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1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other ____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other ____

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other ____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

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